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1. EMBASSY FORWARDS DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DE-
PARTURE STATEMENTS AND TOASTS FOR SECRE-
TARY'S VISIT TO AQABA;

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

NO TRIP TO THIS AREA IS TRULY COMPLETE
WITHOUT A VISIT TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN JORDAN.
I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO VISITING AQABA ONCE AGAIN.
I HAVE COME TO SEEK THE COUNSEL OF HIS
MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND OF PRIME MINISTER
RIFAI REGARDING THE CURRENT QUESTIONS FACING
THE AREA AND THE CONSULT ON WAYS OF FURTHER
STRENGTHENING OUR CLOSE AND EXCELLENT BILATERAL
RELATIONS. OUR CONVERSATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE
IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONTINUING JOINT
EFFORTS TO SECURE A LASTING PEACE
IN THE AREA. HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND I
HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON PRE-
VIOUS VISITS. I KNOW THAT OUR STAY HERE
WILL BE EQUALLY PRODUCTIVE.

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT

DURING THE PAST EIGHTEEN HOURS, HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND I AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE HELD A SERIES OF TALKS ON WAYS OF ADVANCING OUR SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE AREA AND OF STRENGTHENING OUR CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS. AS ALWAYS, WE WERE IMPRESSED BY THE WISDOM AND SINCERITY OF THE JORDANIAN VIEWPOINT AND THE WARMTH OF JORDANIAN HOSPITALITY. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE AND A REWARD TO SEE AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN JORDAN.

PROPOSED TOAST

THIS IS MY THIRD VISIT TO AQABA AND MY EIGHTH TO JORDAN ON A CONTINUING SEARCH FOR A DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE MANY OCCASIONS ON WHICH YOUR MAJESTY AND OUR JORDANIAN FRIENDS HAVE MET WITH US TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA REPRESENT A LONGING FOR PEACE WHICH IS SHARED BY ALL THOSE LIVING IN THE REGION. IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT ONCE AGAIN WE MEET AT THIS BEAUTIFUL SEASIDE AND ENJOY YOUR MAJESTY'S GENEROUS HOSPITALITY.

JORDAN HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES DURING THE PERIOD OF OUR VISITS HERE, BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC. THE ACTIVITY WHICH IS EVIDENT IN THIS PORT OF AQABA, FOR EXAMPLE, SYMBOLIZES BOTH A RENEWED DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP JORDAN'S PEOPLE AND RESOURCES, AND A CONTINUING FAITH IN THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE. THUS, THE PRESENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME OF UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ROBINSON AND HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE HASSAN IS DESERVED TRIBUTE TO THE EXPANDING ECONOMIC FUTURE OF JORDAN.

OUR VISIT TO AQABA OCCURS AS PART OF A TRADITION OF AMERICAN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND JORDAN OVER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS.

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THIS CONSTANT OF OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS REQUIRES LITTLE ELABORATION ON MY PART AND IS A SOURCE OF SPECIAL SATISFACTION TO US. THE SPECIAL VALUE WHICH THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS TRANSCENDED WHATEVER PHASE OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUR TWO COUNTRIES MAY BE EXPERIENCING AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER

CONCERNING THE OVERRIDING TASK OF ACHIEVING
PEACE IN THIS TROUBLED AREA.
IN CLOSING, I WOULD PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR
MAJESTIES. IN PROPOSING THAT TOAST, I WOULD LIKE TO
ASK MY FRIENDS TO JOIN ME IN RECALLING OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TOWARDS
PEACE AND THE BEAUTY OF JORDAN, (TO WHICH I CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST
AFTER OUR TRIP TO WADI RUM THIS AFTERNOON.) I LOOK FORWARD
AGAIN TO A RETURN TO JORDAN SOON FOR A MORE LEISURE-
LY VISIT, (AND I TRUST THAT WE SHALL MEET AGAIN
AS FRIENDS, EITHER HERE OR ON WHAT I HOPE WILL BE A VISIT
BY YOUR MAJESTY SOON TO WASHINGTON, WHERE I HOPE WE CAN DO
OUR BEST TO RETURN IN SOME MEASURE OF THE MAGNIFICENT AND
GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN ENJOYED
HERE IN JORDAN.) (PARENTHETICAL REMARKS TO BE USED, DEPENDING
ON DEVELOPMENTS DESCRIBED TAKING PLACE.)
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